

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease is the nation's number one killer and is also a leading cause of death in South Dakota, accounting for one out of three deaths nationwide; and,

Whereas, Nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of one death every 39 seconds; and,

Whereas, An estimated 785,000 people in the United States will have a new coronary attack, an estimated 470,000 people nationwide will have a recurrent attack, and an additional 195,000 "silent" heart attacks will occur this year; and,

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease is a costly disease with direct and indirect costs estimated to be \$297.7 billion; and,

Whereas, Research is clear that there are preventive strategies, as well as community-based strategies that can increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease; and,

Whereas, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through research, population and community level interventions, public health and policy measures; and,

Whereas, Efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, become trained in CPR, and encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator (AED) programs in their communities; and,

Whereas, The American Heart Association is celebrating February 2012 as American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; and,

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, do hereby proclaim February 2012 as

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of January in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State